

# Thursday, April 3, 2025

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson,

Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau,

O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Squilla

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Dr. Daniel Kwon, Senior Pastor of the Korean United Church of Philadelphia, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, March 27, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Squilla

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 813 Union Street, 6130 Ellsworth Street, 4910 Kingsessing Avenue, 5417 Florence Avenue, 5425 Florence Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250319)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on April 02, 2025, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on March 20, 2025:

Bill No. 250100 Bill No. 250147 (File No. 250321)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 250291:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-533 of The Philadelphia Code ("/MIN, Mixed Income Neighborhoods Overlay District") to exempt from certain requirements of that Section residential development under programs designed to create affordable homeownership, which programs mandate deed restrictions and agreements establishing ongoing affordability requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Lozada:

**Bill No. 250292:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code (entitled "Service and Other Businesses") to add business hour restrictions in the First, Seventh, and Eighth Councilmanic Districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Bill No. 250293: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising the One Year Rule which limits the filing of permit

applications that are substantially similar to a prior application with respect to which an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment has been denied or dismissed; and making related changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Phillips, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Bass and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250294:** Resolution Honoring United States Senator Cory Booker for his courageous and historic 25-hour Senate floor speech, standing in defense of America's core democratic principles and Constitutional values.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 250295:** Resolution Recognizing the Active People, Healthy Nation initiative, a national effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Heart Association and reaffirming the City of Philadelphia's commitment to championing policies, programs, and investments that promote physical activity, improve public health, especially for children, and ensure equitable access to recreation for all residents.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Bass:

**Resolution** No. 250296: Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and celebrating the Omicron Delta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for 40 years of service and impact in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 250297:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1911 Mountain Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Bass and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250298:** Resolution Calling on the Trump Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to preserve funding and administrative support for Head Start, prevent program disruptions, and protect access to early childhood education for low-income families.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Bass and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250299:** Resolution Calling on the Trump Administration to reverse the termination of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant awarded to the City of Philadelphia to support efforts to address flooding in Eastwick, a community that has been disproportionately impacted by environmental injustice and hardships.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 250300:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 813 Union Street, 6130 Ellsworth Street, 4910 Kingsessing Avenue, 5417 Florence Avenue, 5425 Florence Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Driscoll:

**Resolution No. 250301:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing the All-Star Labor Classic and Philadelphia's Organized Labor for Thirty-Seven Years of Charitable Service to Students and the Community

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Resolution No. 250302:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings investigating the current state of higher education as this pillar of the Philadelphia economy and cultural landscape undergoes generational change.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Resolution No. 250303:** Resolution Honoring The Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center School celebrating its 20th bi-annual "Carpe Diem" honoring all the judges and students who participate in this remarkable and beneficial event.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Resolution No. 250304:** Resolution Renaming the 5700 block of W Oxford Street "Fred Rosenfeld Way" to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Frederick C. Rosenfeld for his outstanding contributions to youth sports in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Resolution No. 250305:** Resolution Appointing Ericka Stewart to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Landau, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Bass, Ahmad and Squilla:

**Resolution No. 250306:** Resolution Recognizing April 2025 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Philadelphia and celebrating the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Resolution No. 250307:** Resolution Recognizing April as Arab American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Arab Americans in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Resolution No. 250308:** Resolution Declaring April 4, 2025, as Women in Tech Day in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the importance of women in technology, emphasizing their contributions, promoting STEM education and careers for women and girls, and expanding gender equity in the technology field.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Resolution No. 250309:** Resolution Declaring April 2025 as National Poetry Month in the City of Philadelphia and recognizing the profound impact of poetry on Philadelphia's cultural, educational, and social landscape.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Lozada:

**Resolution No. 250310:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2323-31 N. 5th Street, 2322 N. Orkney Street, 2324 N. Orkney Street, 2326 N. Orkney Street, 2328 N. Orkney Street, 2330 N. Orkney Street in the Seventh Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Lozada:

**Resolution No. 250311:** Resolution Recognizing April as National Donate Life Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring the life-saving impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation, as well as celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Gift of Life Donor Program.

Councilmember Young Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

**Resolution No. 250312:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 240427-AA, entitled "Amending Section 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code entitled 'Nonconformities,' by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions" for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Brooks, Sponsored by Councilmembers Johnson, O'Rourke, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Harrity, Driscoll and Bass:

**Resolution No. 250313:** Resolution Recognizing April 2025 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Philadelphia and commending the work of advocates who are people living with autism and who are breaking down barriers to create a truly inclusive society.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

**Resolution No. 250314:** Resolution Recognizing the central role of labor organizing and labor unions in the history of Philadelphia, their ongoing importance to the wellbeing of working-class families, and condemning the Trump Administration's continued pursuit of anti-labor and anti-worker policies.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

**Resolution No. 250315:** Resolution Celebrating the launch of the Philadelphia Fair Lease on the City of Philadelphia's Landlord Gateway.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

**Resolution No. 250316:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Father Judge High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2025 PIAA 6A championship

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250317:** Resolution Responding to U.S Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Scott Turner's ill-informed understanding of public housing development and call for deregulation by reinforcing the importance of the continued preservation of local control over housing development decisions to ensure development aligns with the needs and desires of our communities, and calling on Turner to preserve the Choice Neighborhood Initiatives program which enables PHA to preserve and expand its affordable housing stock.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Ahmad, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Bass:

**Resolution No. 250318:** Resolution Demanding the Trump Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore the funding that was cut for programs supporting Pennsylvania food banks and schools accessing local produce, which will endanger food security for vulnerable children and families in Philadelphia and further deepening the crisis of hunger in the City.

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no Reports from Committees.

# **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

# A motion was made to conduct Special Business by:

Councilmember Young

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**Resolution No. 250312:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 240427-AA, entitled "Amending Section 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code entitled 'Nonconformities,' by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions" for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 250312.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor transmitted the following message:

Transmitting a message advising you that I am returning herewith, as requested by your Resolution adopted today, Bill No. 240427-AA, entitled "Amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled 'Nonconformities,' by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions," for the purpose of reconsideration by Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council. (File No. 250322)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**Bill No. 240427-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Nonconformities," by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS RECONSIDERED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kate Perez 250277 Jeremy Bladstein 250277 Sterling Johnson 240665 Laura Colee 250277 Aaron Bonfante 250277

Denise Basile Brooks' Resolution

Jenna Lam 250277

Colleen Ott Brooks' Resolution

Calan Ma'lyn Wilson - Landau's Resolution
Amaris Hernandez - Landau's Resolution

Janet Greene250277 Dawn Fassett 250277

Veronica Lee Montgomery 250277

Norman Creedy Landau's Resolution

Carlyn Crawley Lozada's Resolution

Toni Alford Lozada's Resolution

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Freeway Lozada's Resolution

Theresa Alexander Lozada's Resolution
Had Eel Hubaishi Landau's Resolution
Jacob Zychick Phillips' Resolution
David Alexander Jenkins 250277
Charlita Davis Lozada's Resolution
Veronica Montgomery 250277

Dawn Fassett 250277 Raymond Johnson 250277 Wanda Walker 250277

Muti A. Ajamu-Osagboro 240333

Yavana Bustamante Brooks' Resolution

Phil Lockett Freeman 250251 Ogbonna Hagins 250168 Keith Crippen250168 Wick Savage 250253

JJ El FarLandau's Resolution

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025.

Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/

Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
  - Telephone number where you can be reached

Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

**Reports from Committees of Council.** 

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

# Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

## **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

**Resolution No. 250168:** Resolution Honoring the Father Judge High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2025 Philadelphia Catholic League Championship and celebrating their remarkable achievement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

**Resolution No. 250277:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2942 and 2944 W Wishart St; 3323 W Allegheny Ave; 3212 N 33rd St; and 3216 N Newkirk Street located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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## **SPEECHES**

Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Landau, and Councilmember Young

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO ADJOURN

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